Conference Co-Chair, (CALO-Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks) at 866-459-1362 or Norm Osttrum, Conference Co-Chair (Montcalm School for Boys).

West Ridge Academy Awarded Outstanding Program
(April 14, 2009) At the annual Utah Recreation Therapy Association (URTA) Conference's award ceremony held in April in Sundance, UT, West Ridge Academy's therapeutic recreation program was awarded the honor of "Outstanding Program." This program is headed by John Webb, TRS, CTRS, LCP, and includes Eli Kerr TRS, CTRS, and Alta Swarnes TRS, CTRS. To learn more about West Ridge Academy, West Jordan, UT, contact Wendy Ballard, Communications, 801-282-1000.

Cherry Gulch Student Council Chooses Activities
(April 14, 2009) Andy Sapp, PhD, Founder and CEO of Cherry Gulch, Emmet, ID, 208-365-3437, ext 502, shared a story with us about how the current student council at Cherry Gulch is coming up with innovative ways of raising funds for the council through thoughtful and intelligent means, including going "green." They are using the funds for a Cherry Gulch flag and flagpole designed by the students.

Autism Tied to Schools Built Near Superfund Sites
(April 14, 2009) Moira Bulloch, Center for Health, Environment and Justice, Falls Church, VA, 703-237-2249, ext. 19, announced a study by researchers at the University of Northern Iowa found that rates of Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) were one and a half times higher in school districts within 10 miles of the toxic superfund sites than in school districts not near a Superfund site. Rates of autism in children living up to twenty miles from a Superfund site were similar.

British Health Board Cuts Funding for Wellspring Student
(April 15, 2009) The young British teen who has successfully lost 12 stone while attending Wellspring Academy has learned the Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Health Board will not pay for her to stay on after her year long course ends in June, 2009.

Letter to the Editor from Soltreks Graduate
(April 15, 2009) There is a new letter to the Editor from a graduate of Soltreks, Twin Harbors, MN, 218-834-4607. To read this in its entirety, visit the struggling teen's website. For more information about Soltreks, contact Lorri Hanna, MA, CTRS, Co-Founder at 218-834-4607.

Agape Boarding School Presents Rodeo Series
(April 15, 2009) Scott Smith, Marketing Director at Agape Boarding School, Stockton, MO, 417-276-7215, announced this year's Rodeo events for Agape School: June 13, July 4, August 1, September 5 and the rodeo finals, October 5-10, 2009. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brent Jackson at 417-276-7215.

Oliverian School Announces Headmaster Search
(April 15, 2009) Barclay Mackinnon will be stepping into his new role at Oliverian School, Haverhill, NH, as Head Emeritus-Director of Alumni and Family Relations, effective July 1, 2009. With this announcement, Oliverian has launched the search for a new Headmaster, who will live on site and guide faculty and students. For more information, contact Barclay at 603-989-5100.

Agape Boarding School's Spring Training Camp
(April 15, 2009) Scott Smith, Marketing Director for Agape Boarding School, Stockton, MO, 417-276-7215, shared that this year's spring training camp was held at a campground in Oklahoma City. The students enjoyed a week filled with fun activities including paintball, football, soccer, fishing and playing hide and seek at night. The trip also included a stop at the Oklahoma City National Museum and Memorial.

$1,000 Math Prize to Family Foundation School Students
(April 16, 2009) James Kavarnos, math teacher at The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that the school received an Honorable Mention and a prize of $1,000 in this year's Moody's Mega Math Challenge. Two FFS math teams were among 400 teams of high school juniors and seniors in the northeast to participate in the annual event in March. Students had just 14 hours to use mathematical modeling and quantitative analysis techniques to determine whether the government's $787 billion stimulus package signed into law in February will actually work.

Family Foundation School Yearbook Design Recognized
(April 16, 2009) Ann Kozak, Yearbook Adviser at The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that the school's 2007 yearbook "One Day at a Time" has been recognized for design excellence and featured in the 2009 "Gotcha Covered Look Book." Published annually by yearbook leader Jostens, the Look Book features yearbook spreads and covers from across the country. The FFS book was one of only 435 yearbooks selected from more than 2,500 submitted for consideration.

New Haven Completes Its Second Major Outcome Study
(April 16, 2009) New Haven, an InnerChange program, Spanish Fork, UT, 801-794-1220, has published the results of its second major outcome study in three years. Dr. Pamela McCollam, New Haven's Clinical Psychologist, and Dustin Tibbitts, LMFT, New Haven's Executive Director, designed the study's parameters. To view this in its entirety, visit the struggling teen's website. For additional information, contact Dustin Tibbitts, LMFT, and Executive Director, at 801-794-1220.

Soltreks Summer Program Blooms into 12th Season
(April 16, 2009) Soltreks wilderness therapy program, Two Harbors, MN, is welcoming its 12th summer season and offers high impact experiential and emotional development curriculum. The curriculum, approved for academic credit, encompasses backpacking, rock climbing, service learning and canoe expedition in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Family involvement in Parent Workshops and Sibling Work are also included. For more information contact Lorri Hanna, MA, CTRS, Executive Director at 218-834-4607.

New Haven Clinicians Discuss Eating Disorders on TV
(April 17, 2009) Ari Terry, Admissions for New Haven, Spanish Fork, UT, 801-794-1218, informed us that ABC's Channel 4 Good Morning Utah show interviewed Jeana Lee, LMFT, New Haven's Assistant Clinical Director, and Kip Rasmussen, LMFT, PhD, an eating disorder specialist working at New Haven who discussed statistics and possible signs to look for in struggling teens with an eating disorder.

Time Magazine Focuses on Supreme Court, Oregon School
(April 17, 2009) The US Supreme Court will hear arguments in a case against Mount Bachelor Academy, owned by the Aspen Education Group, on whether families can seek reimbursement for private school tuition from the state if the child did not first receive special education services in public school.

OPI Student Accepted at the Fashion Institute of Design
(April 20, 2009) Optimum Performance Institute, Woodland Hills, CA, is proud to announce Amanda J, a participant of OPI, has been accepted as a student at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandizing in Los Angeles, CA. To learn more about OPI, contact Anne LaRiviere, Director of Admissions, 888-558-0617.

David Blumberg New Program Director at OPI
(April 20, 2009) David Blumberg has joined the staff of Optimum Performance Institute, Woodland Hills, CA, as the new Program Director. David has over 20 years experience in the therapeutic field, most recently as Senior Program Operations Supervisor at the Tarzana Treatment Center. For more information, contact Anne LaRiviere, Director of Admissions, at 888-558-0617.